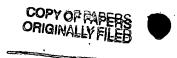
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In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a three-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the Office Action mailed September 27, 2001, said period of response being extended from December 27, 2001 to March 27, 2002.

Our check in the amount of \$920.00 is enclosed to cover the required extension fee. Please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0743.

Respectfully submitted,

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